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WARM WEATHER ALLOWS FOR RAPID PLANTING

Warm temperatures allowed for rapid spring planting throughout much of the state. Temperatures were above average with highs reaching the 70 degree range during the day. Thunderstorms were reported across the state towards the end of the week. Eastern Idaho received much needed moisture to alleviate dry soil conditions. Thunderstorms and a snow storm towards the end of the week interrupted field work in Northern areas. For the week ending April 16, reports indicate that farmers had an average of 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, major activities during the past week involved planting spring wheat, barley, potatoes, onions, dry peas, oats, lentils and sugarbeets, irrigating, branding cattle, soil preparation, moving cattle and sheep to early spring pasture, and applying fertilizer.

CROP REPORT

Planting of spring wheat, barley, potatoes and sugarbeets are progressing rapidly ahead of last year and the five year average.

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	2	15	67	16
Irr. Water Supply	0	1	16	38	45
Range & Pasture	3	3	35	48	11

Despite the warm weather received last week, onion planting in the Treasure Valley is lagging behind last year and the five year average. Precipitation levels were reported above normal across much of the state. There are concerns that soil conditions may still be too dry for corn planting in Franklin county. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 3% very short, 24% short, 62% adequate and 11% surplus.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	Planted %			Emerg'd %		
	2000	1999	Avg.	2000	1999	Avg.
Onions	75	94	87	28	9	19
Dry Peas	21	24	15	-	-	-
Oats	15	15	19	-	-	-
Lentils	7	-	2	-	-	-

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Livestock conditions were reported to be good for the week ending April 16. Ranchers have begun moving cattle and sheep to spring range. Calving was 96% complete, and lambing was 95% complete. Bingham county reported some cutworms in alfalfa fields. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 12% very short, 14% short, 70% adequate, and 4% surplus.

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 16, 2000

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	37	15	12	90	91	93	91	72	78	50	33	35	57	40	45
Emerg'd	8	4	4	60	72	61	45	36	28	6	4	6	16	12	13
Barley															
Planted	35	17	12	89	92	86	79	62	71	35	12	12	47	26	28
Emerg'd	7	4	3	49	50	49	27	21	21	1	1	2	10	7	8
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	36	31	29	13	7	10	2	0	1	7	4	5
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	87	80	80	88	23	44	59	11	32	83	31	52
Emerg'd	NA	NA	NA	21	5	19	2	1	3	7	0	2	6	2	8

Avg (1995-1999); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 16, 2000 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40E Base	50E Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of April	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	70	32	49	0	170	32	0	1.86	1.65	1.86	4.60	3.20
Lewiston	76	40	56	5	370	76	3	0.76	0.53	0.76	2.11	1.62
Sand Point	70	26	46	2	102	2	0	1.25	0.76	1.37	4.80	3.96
Southwest												
Boise	75	37	55	6	338	73	0	0.39	0.10	0.66	3.15	1.96
Caldwell	75	36	55	3	378	97	11	0.38	0.15	0.38	1.89	1.60
Emmett	77	35	55	5	302	59	1	0.46	0.19	0.46	2.08	1.92
Mountain Home	77	32	53	5	265	42	0	0.21	0.01	0.28	1.73	1.53
Parma	78	33	54	5	330	64	0	0.30	0.09	0.30	1.76	1.61
Weiser 5/	78	37	56	7	355	84	0	0.40	0.19	1.23	2.45	1.67
Southcentral												
Buhl	77	40	54	5	254	50	0	0.11	-0.04	0.21	1.39	1.33
Burley	77	38	55	9	285	60	0	0.28	0.12	0.34	0.61	1.28
Hill City 5/	65	28	--	--	83	6	0	0.11	-0.09	0.11	1.03	1.64
Hagerman	79	31	53	-1	290	54	32	0.07	-0.04	0.20	0.98	1.37
Malta	73	28	50	-1	240	51	6	0.94	0.80	0.94	1.08	1.18
Twin Falls	75	33	51	5	234	37	0	0.18	-0.01	0.20	1.84	1.53
East												
Aberdeen 5/	75	28	49	6	102	13	0	0.12	-0.03	0.12	0.34	1.07
Grace 5/	70	27	49	7	144	34	0	1.03	0.71	1.03	2.01	2.02
Idaho Falls	73	30	50	6	120	12	0	0.35	0.14	0.79	1.70	1.31
Malad City	74	30	53	8	291	66	0	0.00	-0.25	0.00	0.01	1.69
Pocatello	77	29	51	7	169	20	0	0.30	0.07	0.30	1.13	1.81
Rexburg	71	29	49	5	111	13	0	0.09	-0.17	0.09	0.33	1.71
Salmon	73	28	50	6	194	22	0	0.10	-0.10	0.10	0.21	0.89

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ^{2/}	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	58	45	67	47	70	50	68	52	59	49	63	48	65	51	64	49
Emmett	62	55	67	54	69	55	69	58	66	58	70	58	66	57	67	56
Parma	49	48	50	49	50	49	52	50	--	--	51	50	52	50	51	49
Sandpoint	51	42	52	45	52	45	52	47	48	41	--	--	40	35	49	43
Twin Falls	53	45	58	44	60	46	60	48	56	48	55	45	56	45	57	46

1/ Eight Inch Reading. 2/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.